raised by State owned enterprises backed by State Government guarantees. This is necessary in view of the high level of total outstanding debt and guarantees of most State Governments including Tamil Nadu. Bringing such borrowings within the descipline of Article 293(3) of the Constitution is a prudent step towards fiscal consolidation for which the Government of India requires the support of all the States.

DRF for backward districts

2122. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Rs. 2,500 crore Development Reform Facility (DRF) to support the most Backward District and States;

(b) the quantum of funds disbursed; and

(c) the names of the districts benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) to (c) The Union Government in its Budget Estimates for 2002-03 have provided Rs. 2500 crore under the Development Reform Facility, for policy reforms in sectors which are constraining growth and development in the States. The guidelines of the facility are under formulation by Planning Commission.

Net bank credit to women

2123. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance propose to increase the level of net bank credit to women from 2 per cent to 5 per cent in three years;

(b) the details of schemes which will enable women to avail 5 per cent credit from financial institutions for the next three years;

(c) what is the projected coverage of women entrepreneurs through these programmes, State-wise; and

(d) the number of women's cells set up in various States to provide information and counselling for such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have advised all Public Sector Banks in July 2001 to earmark 5 per cent of their Net Bank Credit (NBC) for lending to women and this target is to be achieved by 31st March, 2004. Women can access credit from banks through Govenment sponsored and general schemes including Prime Minister's RozgarYojana (PMRY), Swarnajayanti Gram SwarozgarYojana (SGSY), Swarna Jayanti Shahari RozgarYojana (SJSRY), Differential Rate of Interest Schemes (DRI), Micro Credit Scheme (MCS), Development of Women and Children in Rural Area (DWCRA) etc. Some of the banks are offering credit to women under specific schemes such as Priyadarshini Scheme (Bank of India), Shree Shakti Package Scheme (State Bank of India), Pigmy Deposit Scheme (Syndicate Bank), Viklang Mahila Vikas Yojana (Union Bank of India) and Kalyani (Central Bank of India).

(c) RBI do not have any data on the projected coverage of women entrepreneurs through the above schemes State-wise.

(d) RBI have also reported that 23 Public Sector Banks have set up Women's Cells at their Head Office and 19 banks have set up Women's Cells at their Regional/Zonal Office. RBI do not have any data on Women's cells set up in various States.

Trafficking in heroin

2124. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether trafficking in heroin and other psychotropic substances has assumed the dimensions of a full-fledged soaring industry in the country;

(b) whether this has led to the emergence of a new stratum of society called drug-lords, having the capacity not only to corrupt the law enforcement but also buy political power; and

(c) if so, what steps, including amendment of law and modifications in enforcement processes have been and are being taken to deal with the menace effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Drug